

Mr. Iglesias came to the United States from Cuba in order to join his family, who had previously left Cuba years before to escape political prosecution.

After his arrival to the United States, Mr. Iglesias graduated from California State Polytechnic University in Pomona, California, where he earned a dual degree in electrical engineering and business administration in 1989. At age of 24, Mr. Iglesias established his first business. Today, Mr. Iglesias operates and owns a chain of supermarkets with yearly revenues exceeding \$150 million. He is also a real estate investor with properties in Nevada, Florida, and California.

In addition to his business endeavors, Mr. Iglesias has also been known for his support and leadership role in the opening of the Salvadorian Consulate in Las Vegas, Nevada. He has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Ronald McDonald House of Los Angeles since 1999. He is currently a member of the America United Bank Board, and he has also contributed and supported the Buena Nueva Foundation and other non-profit organizations, including the Las Vegas Rescue Mission and Safe Nest. Iglesias is an active member of the Latin Chamber of Commerce, the United Grocers Committee, the Mexican-American Grocers Association and the American Grocers Association.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Aner Iglesias. His years of service to the State of Nevada are admirable and I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL SHRINE ON THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2007

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, as we approach the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth, I am pleased today to stand in recognition of the 75th anniversary of the Lincoln Memorial Shrine located in Redlands, California. While leading a divided nation, President Lincoln remained committed to the principles of liberty, integrity, and personal responsibility. It is these ideals that represent the core of what Robert and Alma Watchorn envisioned when they created the Lincoln Shrine in 1932.

It is a great honor that the Watchorns chose to dedicate and present the Shrine to Redlands, my hometown and a prominent city in my district. Through the contributions of my constituents, the Shrine has become a nationally-known education center for our 16th and perhaps greatest president. As the only Lincoln-dedicated museum and library west of Springfield, Illinois, the Shrine attracts thousands of professional and amateur historians with a wide variety of exhibits, events, and projects featuring Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War period.

The Watchorns would be pleased to know that the prominence of the shrine has not detracted from the educational opportunities provided to visitors. As a primary resource for educators in the area, the museum's collection of more than 4,000 manuscripts and 300 original newspapers is offered free of charge and

serves as a valuable resource for those seeking a direct glimpse of Lincoln's time. Students are encouraged to attend docent-led school tours and can easily access a wealth of information to use for school projects or personal enjoyment.

Highlighting our community's pride in hosting this important site, a fundraising drive in the 1990s resulted in donations of more than \$1 million, which helped provide a 2,000-foot expansion of the Shrine. Two new wings were carefully designed to complement the original octagon shape, paving the way for further Lincoln artifacts. This expansion could not have occurred without the dedication of those residing in my district.

A moving tribute to the Shrine's 75th anniversary is planned for November of 2007, when the Lincoln Shrine releases a book describing and detailing the various artifacts in their collection. An extensive set of photos and letters will be included in the book, with explanatory comments to guide the reader. This book will serve to foster interest in those who have not yet visited the Shrine, and will further elaborate upon the knowledge of individuals already familiar with the Lincoln Shrine's all-embracing collection.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to represent a community of citizens dedicated to progressing the growth of a research center and museum such as the Shrine. I ask my colleagues to join with me in recognizing the immense value of the Lincoln Memorial Shrine and in wishing them many more years of success.

TRIBUTE TO THE ATLANTA VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2007

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many professionals in the medical field who render excellent service to our citizens.

The Atlanta Veterans Affairs Medical Center has met and exceeded national standards with its staff of skilled laboratory professionals.

The laboratory staff of the Atlanta Veterans Affairs Medical Center has demonstrated a spirit of giving, service and leadership.

Our beloved Fourth District, families and community have benefitted from the fine work of the laboratory staff of the Atlanta Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

The laboratory staff of the Atlanta Veterans Affairs Medical Center has worked tirelessly to give their best to preserve integrity and provide quality service.

I was pleased to set aside April 22nd—28th, 2007 to honor and recognize the Atlanta Veterans Affairs Medical Center for its outstanding service to our District.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2007

Mr. CARSON. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, May 3, I was unable to vote on Roll # 300 because the Capitol Hill police would not let my vehicle enter the grounds due to a security "event" regarding the escort of a foreign dignitary. Had I been available to enter I would have voted "No."

IN TRIBUTE TO DONALD W. HAYNES HONORING THE THIRTY-TWO YEAR SERVICE ON THE HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 7, 2007

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Donald W. Haynes, of Houston, Texas, on his retirement from the Houston Fire Department after 32 years of dedicated service.

Donald Haynes' roots were planted in the deep, strong foundation of family. Donald was born in Beaumont, Texas to Mr. and Mrs. Elwin and Evelyn Haynes. He is the oldest of their four children. Because Donald's father was in the U.S. Navy, the Haynes family relocated to different military assignments approximately every 3 years. As such, Donald has been privileged to travel to many places across the country and the world. He has lived in Providence, Rhode Island; Morocco, North Africa; Norfolk, Virginia; Alameda, California; Middletown, Rhode Island; and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Madam Speaker, though he traveled and relocated to many domestic and foreign places in his young life, Donald worked diligently to finish his educational studies. Donald graduated from Antilles High School in San Juan, Puerto Rico in 1970, the same year his father retired from the U.S. Navy. When his family returned to Beaumont, Texas Donald attended Lamar University his freshman year. In the summer of 1971 the Haynes family moved to Houston, Texas. Donald transferred to the University of Houston and graduated from there in December 1974 with a B.S. in Psychology. Mr. Haynes received an M.S. Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Sam Houston State University in 1988 and an A.S. Degree in Fire Technology in 1992 from Houston Community College. He is also a graduate of the 166th Session of the FBI National Academy held in Quantico, Virginia from June 1991 to September 1991.

Donald's graduation from the University of Houston was merely the beginning step of a long glorious journey of public service. Donald worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for about six months prior to his acceptance into the Houston Fire Academy in June 1975. He graduated in October 1975 and was elected President of the 1975- B Class. His first assignment was Hobby Airport, Station 36 on the A Shift. He later transferred to Station 35 after his probationary period was completed.